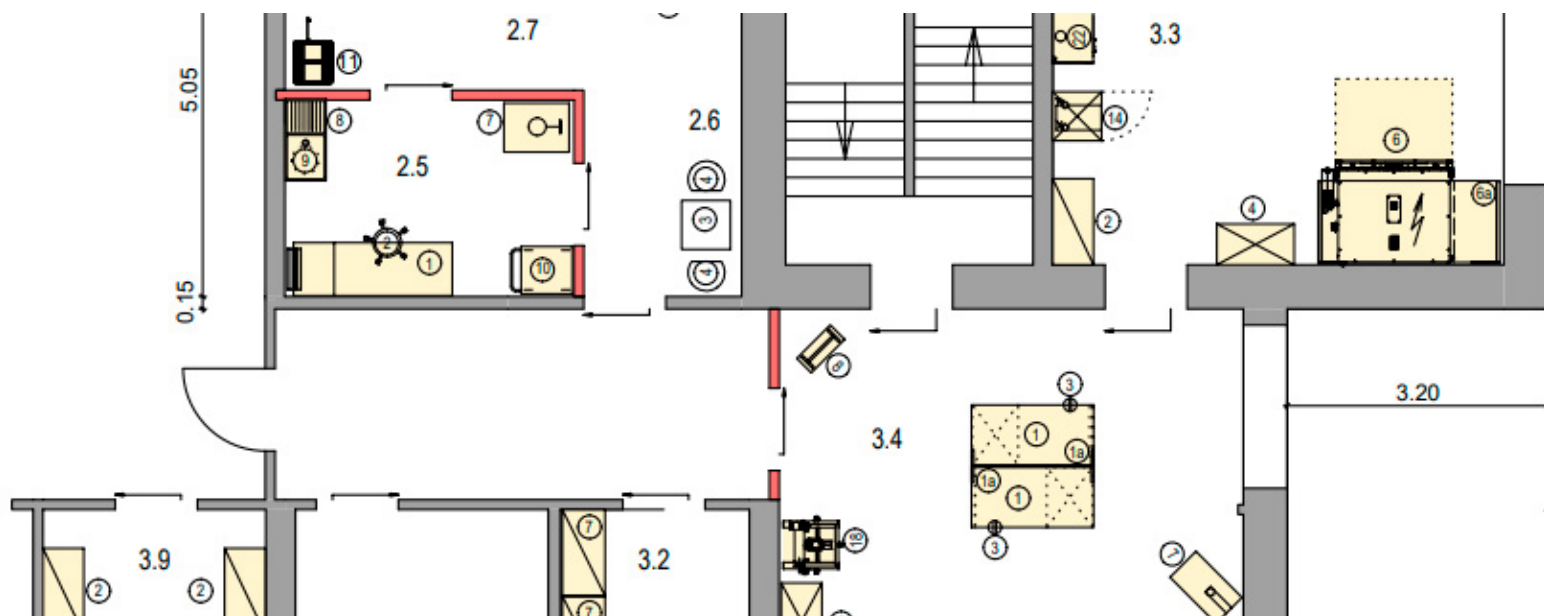




Excerpt from the workshop layout plan

GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL STATES PROGRAMME BUND-LÄNDER-PROGRAMM (BLP)

Federal state - partner country

Lower Saxony - Ukraine



Title

Supporting the regional veterans' hospital in Mykolaiv in setting up a prosthetics workshop

In cooperation with the GIZ programme

Special aid programme Ukraine /
EU4ResilientRegions

Financing arrangements

BMZ contribution	294,000 EUR
Lower Saxony's contribution	200,000 EUR

Duration

01.04.2025 - 31.12.2026

Responsible ministry

Lower Saxony Ministry of Social Affairs,
Work, Health and Equality

This project helps to achieve the following
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



Establishment of a Prosthetics Workshop in Mykolaiv

Local situation

February 2026 marked the fourth anniversary of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. In addition to the loss of life and a high number of casualties, Ukraine has suffered severe damage to its infrastructure. Civilian buildings, schools, universities and hospitals in particular have been damaged or destroyed. Support is needed to rebuild the damaged infrastructure and the health and education systems. There is a significant need in the field of prosthetics, as over 10,000 people from Ukraine have required amputations since the start of the war.

Cooperation arrangements

The aim of the project is to establish a fully functional prosthetics workshop for the veterans' hospital in the Mykolaiv region of Ukraine, designed to accommodate two prosthetics technicians. To this end, the project can draw on the expertise of the GIZ initiative 'Special Aid Programme Ukraine – EU4ResilientRegions' in setting up rehabilitation centres and training the necessary staff.

The state of Lower Saxony is represented in the project by the Ministry of Social Affairs, Labour, Health and Equality and the prosthetics manufacturer Ottobock. Ottobock is involved in the planning and equipping of

“These joint projects are a very practical example of how international partnerships can directly strengthen the healthcare system at a local level by improving the quality of care, supporting healthcare staff and ultimately helping to save the lives of patients.”

Ukrainian doctor



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Exchange and training programme

the workshop and has already carried out the training of Ukrainian technicians in Lower Saxony as part of a previous project in cooperation with the Lower Saxony Ministry of Social Affairs.

The political partner is the regional administration of the Mykolaiv Oblast, which is providing the premises for the workshop via the veterans' hospital and will continue to fund the trained technicians after the project ends.

What we are doing - and how

First, Ottobock and GIZ will draw up architectural plans for the workshop, and the necessary conversion and renovation work will be carried out by local service providers on site. This ensures that the premises are adapted to the needs of the planned workshop and comply with applicable health and safety standards. The workshop will then be equipped with the necessary equipment and materials.

Standardised protocols for integrating the prosthetic fitting process into the hospital's rehabilitation programmes will be jointly developed by Ottobock and local partners at the hospital, so that patients can receive fittings during their rehabilitation sessions. Finally, Ottobock defines clear performance indicators and the GIZ project carries out regular on-site assessments to evaluate the workshop's effectiveness

and identify areas for improvement. This ensures that the workshop meets the changing needs of patients and healthcare providers.

Useful links

- Further information on the BLP:
<https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/132983.html>
<https://bund-laender-programm.de/en>
- GIZ Programme “Special Assistance Programme Ukraine / EU4ResilientRegions”:
<https://www.giz.de/en/downloads/giz2024-en-EU4ResilientRegions-factsheet.pdf>
- Further information on Lower Saxony's commitment in Ukraine: https://www.stk.niedersachsen.de/startseite/themen/international/internationale_zusammenarbeit/solidaritatspartnerschaft-mit-der-region-mykolajiw-in-der-ukraine-237314.html
- Further information on Ottobock's commitment to Ukraine: <https://corporate.ottobock.com/en/engagement/help-for-crisis-areas/helping-hands-for-ukraine>